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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR, TH, MILI

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS STATEMENT

REF : STATE 126391

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFTEL, I SAW THE PRIME MINISTER ALONE AT 1400, 2 JUNE. I SAID I WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND MADE EVERY POINT AS DIRECTED BY YOU.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS PROFUSE IN HIS APOLOGIES. HE SAID HE WAS ABJECT AND THAT HE WISHED TO CONVEY HIS REGRET OVER THIS EPISODE AND HIS MOST SINCERE APOLOGIES. HE SAID HE COULD ONLY PLEAD THAT HE HAD BLURTED OUT HIS COMMENTS WHILE BEING HARASSED BY THAI JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE A GREAT CAPACITY FOR BEING IRRITATING. HE WAS TERRIBLY SORRY AND HOPED WE WOULD UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT HIS REGRETS AND PROFOUND APOLOGY. I SAID THAT I APPRECIATED HIS STATEMENT AND WOULD TRANSMIT IT TO MY GOVERNMENT.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT WE WERE LIVING IN CHANGING TIMES AND THAT QTE ADJUSTMENTS UNQTE WERE DESIRABLE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THAILAND. THESE ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS INDICATING ANY DESIRE TO DIMINISH  
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THE LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN

OUR COUNTRIES. THAILAND WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE IT HAD RECEIVED IN THE PAST AND HE WAS MINDFUL OF THE MANY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THIS CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WOULD CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DEDICATED TO THAT OBJECTIVE. I SAID THAT I APPRECIATED THIS REASSURANCE.  
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